IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Glaucia PARANHOS-BACCALA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 09/138,735

Examiner:

M. Navarro

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Docket No.: WPB 36400B

For:

TRYPANOSOMA CRUZI ANTIGEN, GENE ENCODING THEREFOR AND METHOD

DETECTING AND TREATING CHAGAS DISEASE

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated February 26, 2003.

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The shortened statutory period having expired May 26, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for 3 months. Included in our enclosed check is \$930.00 in payment of the fee for a 3 month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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